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Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Indera Persaud (Guyana)

1. At its 151st plenary meeting, held on 21July 2015, the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Argentina, Canada, Czech Republic, Guyana, Indonesia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tonga and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 22 July 2015, and elected Indera Persaud (Guyana) as its Chair for the twenty-first session.

3. The Credentials Committee examined the credentials of the representatives participating in the current session of the Assembly. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat dated 22 July 2015 on the status of those credentials.

4. As at 22 July 2015, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by the Minister, have been submitted for the representatives of the following 56 States participating in the twenty-first session of the Assembly: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Fiji, France, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam.

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5. As at 22 July 2015, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-first session of the Assembly has been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of initialled notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations, permanent missions to the International Seabed Authority and other Government offices or authorities, by the following five States and the European Union participating in the Assembly: Ecuador, Egypt, Iraq, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia.

6. The Chair proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the memorandum would be communicated to the secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft decision was proposed by the Chair for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> *Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-first session of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat dated 22 July 2015,
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> *Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

7. The draft decision was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the Assembly for adoption the draft decision contained in paragraph 10 below. The proposal was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Assembly for adoption the following draft decision:

> **Draft decision of the Assembly relating to the credentials of representatives to the twenty-first session of the International Seabed Authority**
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> "The Assembly of the International Seabed Authority approves the report of the Credentials Committee."